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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 83-80

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY AUDITORS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FEDERAL OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1981 REGULATIONS -  
IMPACT ON THE AFDC-FC PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to clarify an issue and correct prior policy interpretations regarding AFDC-Foster Care Program requirements as they relate to the Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. This information is being provided as a result of recent federal interpretations received on this subject.

I. Clarification

Lump Sum

In a March 5, 1982 letter to all County Welfare Directors, the Department provided a policy statement regarding lump sum income provisions contained in EAS 44-207.4 and indicated that it would seek clarification from HHS with regard to the implementation of these provisions in the AFDC-FC Program.

Based upon the federal interpretation, if a lump sum benefit is designated and received by the foster child, it is considered available income and the lump sum provisions must be applied.

II. Corrections

Income Limit for Eligibility (150%)

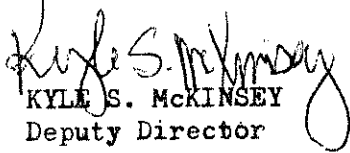
All County Letter 82-04 dated January 19, 1982 stated that the 150% income limit did not apply for determining initial or ongoing eligibility of a child in foster care. HHS has informed the Department that the 150% of need income limit rule is applicable in determining initial and continuing eligibility. The need standard is the AFDC-FC rate.

\$10 Minimum Payment

An All County Welfare Director Letter dated February 26, 1982 stated that a child would be ineligible for AFDC-FC for a month in which the total payment (including special needs) is less than \$10. Per HHS, this

provision does not apply to AFDC-FC payments.

If you have any questions concerning this, please contact the Foster Care Program Bureau at (916) 445-0813.

  
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